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Idaho students encouraged to submit waterfowl artwork for Idaho Junior Duck Stamp Contest

Submissions postmarked by March 15, 2018, to be accepted for judging

BOISE, Idaho – Students from across the Gem State are encouraged to tap into their artistic abilities and conservation ethic to render entries of waterfowl for the 2018 Idaho Junior Duck Stamp art competition by having submissions postmarked by the deadline of March 15, 2018.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program and Art Competition is open to all students from kindergarten to Grade 12. This nationwide education program uses art and science to teach the value of wetland and waterfowl conservation. It includes a statewide art competition that culminates with the "Best in Show" from each state competing at the National Competition; the winner sees their artwork on a duck stamp that supports wetland and waterfowl conservation.

"We invite all of Idaho's aspiring youth artists to take on this artistic challenge by rendering and submitting artwork depicting the birds we all see fly overhead and inhabit our open spaces," said Gregory M. Hughes, State Supervisor for the Service's Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office, which will facilitate and host the judging this year in Idaho.

The postmark deadline to submit artwork for Idaho's competition is March 15, 2018. Original artwork should be mailed to Idaho's 2018 Junior Duck Stamp coordinator, Leith Edgar, at Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Suite 368, Boise, Idaho 83709. More information about the program, including rules and regulations, can be found at https://www.fws.gov/birds/education/junior-duck-stamp-conservation-program/junior-duck-stamp-contest-information.php. For more information, contact Leith Edgar at 208-378-5796.

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